

State of Delaware
Administrative Office of the Courts
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Request for Information:

Conversion of the Automated Sentence Order Program

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Background:

A division of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of Delaware, the Judicial Information Center (JIC) supports technology for the Delaware State Courts.

In 2000, the Superior Court, in cooperation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, implemented a statewide windows forms-based sentencing program. This solution was built using Visual Basic 5 (VB5), and it has remained on this development platform since its inception. The Automated Sentence Order Program (ASOP) is used by Superior Court as a user interface to the criminal Case Management System (CMS) and the criminal data repository, both of which reside on the mainframe.

The ASOP application enables Superior Court to manage the criminal calendar hearings and events, dispose of the calendar events, dispose of the charges on cases and issue sentencing orders simultaneously with a judge's pronouncement. Information is updated on the mainframe and in the mainframe data repository through middleware (Software AG Entire X Broker version 5). The Sentencing Orders are transmitted through a mainframe program to mainframe-defined printers at the Department of Corrections and other agencies. The defendant can receive a copy of their sentencing order in the courtroom.

Standard Practices:

All services, products and deliverables furnished to the State are coordinated with the Department of Technology and Information (DTI) and are consistent with practices utilized by, or policies and standards promulgated by DTI published at <http://dti.delaware.gov/information/standards-policies.shtml>.

Examples of ASOP Functionality:

- Authenticate using ACF2 user account on the mainframe and verify CMS sentence level authority
- Disposing of events for court hearings
- Disposing of charges on a case
- Adding Violation of Probation charges to a case
- Scheduling of Calendar Events
- Inquiry functionality – examples: name search, case search, warrant history
- Creating sentence orders for distribution

Information Required:

Because VB5 is an aging and unsupportable technology, the ASOP VB5 application must be ported to the latest Visual Basic .NET 2013 platform.

This RFI is intended to solicit information, comments, suggestions and recommendations for converting the existing VB5 application. Although it is only the front end user interface of the application that we are seeking to convert, it may be necessary to make modifications to the middleware programs and mainframe programs as part of this solution. Responses should include suggested programming conversion tools and rapid application development tools.

This RFI is not a bid solicitation and does not guarantee a future bid solicitation from the State of Delaware for this or other equipment and/or services. All vendor costs associated with participation in this RFI conducted for the State of Delaware are the vendor's responsibility.

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Upon receipt of the information, accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, the State of Delaware will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed.

RFI Administration:

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